

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO: I-82-89

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF TIME-ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT  
FOR REFUGEE PROGRAM COSTS

The purpose of this notice is to transmit to Counties a memorandum from the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement. The memorandum informs States that funds for the reimbursement of costs for assistance to refugees during their first 24 months in the United States will be reduced as a result of the Department of Health and Human Services appropriation for Federal Fiscal Year 1990.

Please note page two of the Federal letter, priority number four, states that four months of allowable Federal reimbursement is estimated for AFDC, Medicaid, SSI, and foster care payments under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. Recently our Department has been informed that "four months" is not an estimate, it is the actual limitation for Federal reimbursement for State costs for refugees in these categories.

Further instructions regarding implementation, fiscal claiming and statistical reporting will be issued to the Counties in the near future.

If you have any questions, please contact your County Refugee Program Operations Analyst at (916) 323-2131.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert A. Horel", is written over the typed name.

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Deputy Director

Attachment

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TO: STATE REFUGEE COORDINATORS

HEADS OF STATE AGENCIES ADMINISTERING REFUGEE  
RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM (RRP)

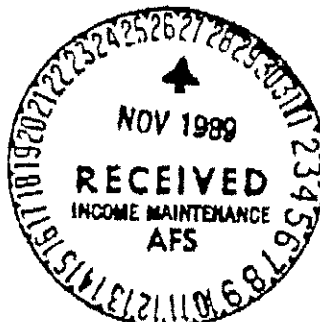
SUBJECT: Change in Refugee Program Reimbursement Necessitated by  
Funding Available Under the FY 1990 Appropriation --  
Effective January 1, 1990

On November 20, 1989, Congress passed the HHS appropriation for FY 1990 (H.R. 3566) which was approved by the President on November 21, 1989.

The appropriations act makes available to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) a total of \$210,000,000 for funding to the States for cash and medical assistance and related State administrative costs (CMA costs) for the year October 1, 1989 - September 30, 1990, through a specific appropriation language earmark.

Assistance under section 412 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, ORR's authorizing legislation, is provided only "to the extent of available appropriations" (section 412(a)(1)). This is reflected in ORR's regulations at 45 CFR 400.202, "Extent of Federal funding," which provide that the extent of Federal funding is "[s]ubject to the availability of funds."

The funds appropriated are not sufficient to enable ORR to continue to fund States for assistance to refugees during their first 24 months in the United States, or to cover all types of CMA costs during refugees' first 12 months in the U.S., for the duration of FY 1990. Based on estimates of State costs for FY 1990, ORR has concluded that the available funds will be sufficient to cover CMA costs only to the extent specified below for the remainder of the fiscal year (January 1, 1990 - September 30, 1990).



Therefore, effective January 1, 1990, a State may claim against its CMA grant for those allowable costs applied according to the following sequence of priorities, ranked from high to low:

1. Program for unaccompanied minors, including any allowable administrative costs of the program for unaccompanied minors.
2. Provision of refugee cash assistance (RCA) and refugee medical assistance (RMA) during a refugee's first 12 months in the U.S. as defined by 45 CFR 400.203(b) and 400.204(b), including the allowable administrative costs of providing RCA and RMA.
3. Allowable administrative costs incurred for the overall management of the State's refugee program in accordance with 45 CFR 400.13(c) (published in the Federal Register at 54 FR 5476, February 3, 1989).
4. Allowable State costs of AFDC, Medicaid, SSI, and foster care payments under title IV-E of the Social Security Act for eligible refugees. We estimate that available funds will limit Federal reimbursement for State costs to a refugee's first 4 months in the U.S.
5. Costs of case management, allowable in accordance with 45 CFR 400.13(d) (ibid.) during a refugee's first 12 months in the U.S. in the case of an RCA recipient or during a refugee's first 4 months in the U.S. in the case of an AFDC recipient.



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